Revision of National Sports Policy

485. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of the Indian contingent during the last Olympic Games was not impressive;

(b) if so, whether in the backdrop of such poor performance and in the context of India hosting the forthcoming Commonwealth Games, Government are considering to revise the National Sports Policy; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) During Athens Olympic Games, Indian sportsperson Major (now Lt. Col) R.V.S. Rathore won a silver medal in shooting. This is the first silver medal won by an individual sportsperson since India's independence. Over the years, the performance of Indian sportspersons in Olympics has been improving. In 1996 and 2000 India won only a bronze medal. No medal could be won in 1984 and 1988 Olympics. Moreover, during the Athens Olympic Games, 2004 besides winning a silver medal, Indian sportspersons were close to medals in the disciplines of Archery, Shooting and Weightlifting and in Athletics they created new national records.

(b) The national Sports Policy is announced in the year 2001. There is no proposal to revise the policy.

(c) Does not arise.

Facilities for sports in Himachal Pradesh

486. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for sports during the current financial year and the amount released for providing new infrastructural facilities;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to amend the current system of providing financial assistance to the said State for improving or maintenance of facilities regarding sports; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof and the current status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The Government had decided to transfer the Sports Infrastructure Schemes to state sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005 and accordingly, no funds have been allocated during 2005-2006 for sports infrastructure schemes. As such, new sports infrastructure project has to be considered and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources. All Chief Secretaries of States including Himachal Pradesh were informed accordingly on 28.2.2005. In view thereof fresh proposals have not been entertained from Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, No, Sir.

Facilities required for Commonwealth Games

487. SHRI R.P GOENKA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fresh review has been undertaken to asess the progress made in creating/upgrading the various projects/facilities required for holding the prestigious 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi;

(b) if so, the results thereof and efforts being made to complete the proposed works on time, projects-wise;

(c) whether assigned team of experts for venue appraisals, has made certain suggestions concerning the Games Villages site and other venues for the Games; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the action taken/proposed to be taken to alter the venue(s) and/or improve the environs of the sites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) (a) The arrangements for holding the Commonwealth Games 2010 at Delhi are. underway, A review of existing infrastructure in the city of Delhi in context of Commonwealth Games 2010 has been undertaken. The existing infrastructure with Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi Development Authority <DDA) and New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) with required upgradation and renovation would be used for most of the disciplines covered under the Commonwealth Games.